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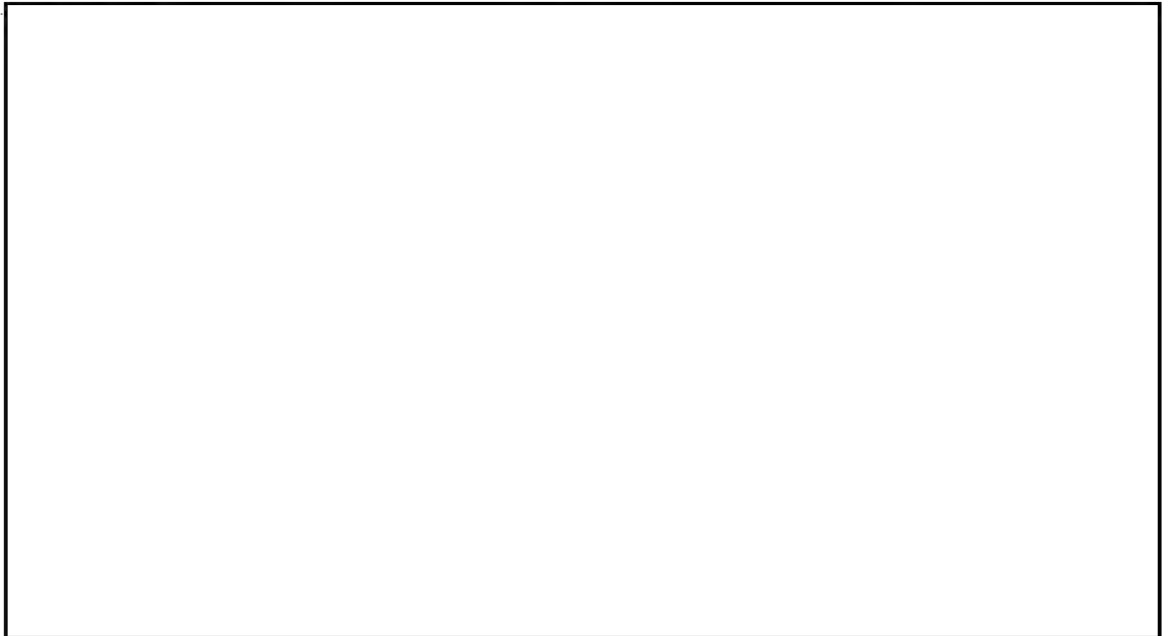
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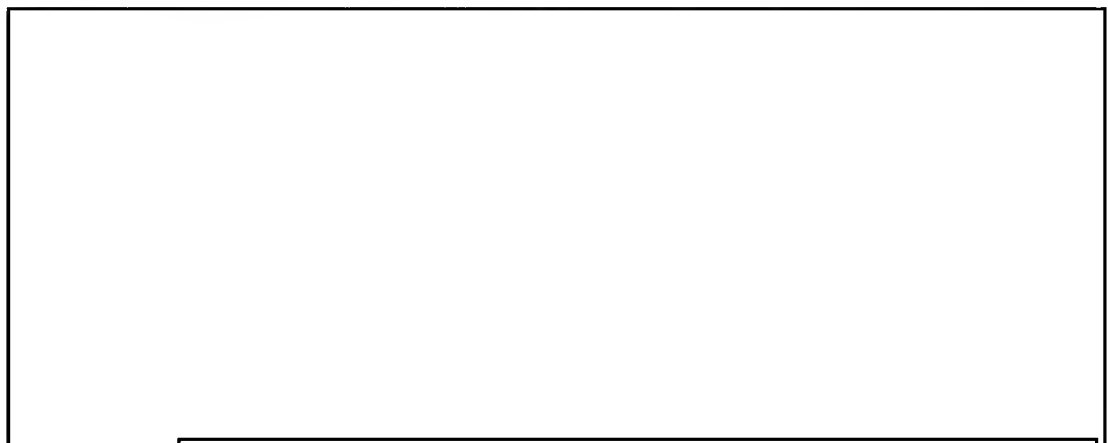
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NOTES

EAST GERMANY - WEST GERMANY: East German State Secretary Kohl continued to press for bilateral discussions on access to Berlin at the ninth round of the East - West German talks held in Bonn on 17 March. Egon Bahr, Kohl's West German counterpart, claims that he refused to discuss this issue, which the West still reserves for the four-power talks. Bahr also said that he rejected Kohl's proposal for negotiations on a "general traffic treaty." Such a treaty, according to Kohl, would include in its annexes questions of general transit as well as of Berlin traffic at "an appropriate stage"--presumably after four-power agreement. Neither side having won its point in this sparring, they agreed, according to Bahr's account, to discuss the substance of general traffic questions at their next session, which is slated for East Berlin on 31 March.

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